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DERIVATION OF HUMAN	)	
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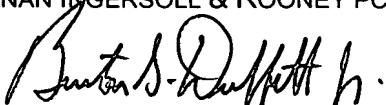
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56,  
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Copies of the following publications that are cited in the International Search  
Report are provided:

- (1) Amit, Michal et al., *Developmental Biology*, November 15, 2000, Volume 227, No. 2, pages 271-278, "Clonally Derived Human Embryonic Stem Cell Lines Maintain Pluripotency and Proliferative Potential for Prolonged Periods of Culture".  
[Discussed in Applicants' Specification at Pages 18 and 19.]
- (2) WO 03/055992 to Semb et al., (CELL THERAPEUTICS SCANDINAVIA AB), entitled "A Method for Establishment of a Pluripotent Human Blastocyst-Derived Stem Cell Line".  
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- (3) Pickering, Susan et al., *Reproductive Biomedicine Online*, Volume 7, No. 3, October 2003, Pages 353-364, "Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis as a Novel Source of Embryos for Stem Cell Research".

- (4) Reubinoff, Benjamin E. et al., *Nature Biotechnology*, Volume 18, No. 4, April 2000, Pages 399-404, "Embryonic Stem Cell Lines from Human Blastocysts: Somatic Differentiation in Vitro".
- (5) Xu, Chunhui et al., *Nature Biotechnology*, Volume 19, No. 10, October 2001, Pages 399-404, "Feeder-free Growth of Undifferentiated Human Embryonic Stem Cells".
- (6) Heins, Nico et al., *Stem Cells*, Volume 22, No. 3, May 2004, Pages 367-376, "Derivation, Characterization, and Differentiation of Human Embryonic Stem Cells".  
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Applicant's also provide a copy of the following for the convenience of the Examiner:

- (7) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0073234 to Amit et al., published on April 17, 2003 and entitled "Clonal Human Embryonic Stem Cell Lines and Methods of Generating Same".

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The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

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